

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Vanel Frenel

Applicant(s)

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 8/16/07 and 10/26/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-8,10,11 and 22-31.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Notice to Applicant

1. This communication is in response to the Amendment filed on 8/18/07 and 10/26/07. Claims 4, 9, and 12-21 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 7, and 22 have been amended. Claims 1-2, 5-8, 10-11 and 22-31 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-3, 5-8, 10-11 and 22-31 are allowable. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance and in light of Applicant's arguments.

The closest prior art of record Ribitzky (6,363,393) discloses component based object-relational database infrastructure and user interface.

Evans et al. (6,266,675) discloses system and method for using a relational database to enable the dynamic configuration of an application program.

Cooke, Jr. et al. (6,574,629) discloses picture archiving and communication system.

However, none of the cited prior art discloses/suggests "a container application having a first user interface layer in communication with the PACS and a second user interface layer in communication with the RIS, wherein the first and second user interface layers are configured to convert the first user interface code segment of the PACS and the second user interface code segment of the RIS to a uniform user interface and communicate patient data between the functionality

code segments of the PACS and the RIS, respectively, and the uniform user interface such that the patient data of the functionality code segments of the PACS and the RIS are formatted in a common protocol; and further wherein each of the PACS and the RIS include a workstation configured such that patient data can be communicated between the PACS and RIS workstations through the container application”.

Claims 2-3, 5-6, 8, 10-11 and 23-31 incorporate the features of claims 1, 7 and 22 through their dependencies, and are also allowed for the same reasons given above.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vanel Frenel whose telephone number is 571-272-6769. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30am-5:00pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zeender Ryan Florian can be reached on 571-272-6790. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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